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**REMARKS IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Applicant hereby responds to the Examiner's Office Action of March 11, 2005 in which claims 1-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 4,754,852 to Mule (hereinafter "*Mule*"). Applicant seeks a three month extension of time in which to file this response under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

Please enter Applicant's response into the record as follows:

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.